

The PresByte

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JOIN US FOR THE NEXT EVENING OF SERVICE AT RIVER OF LIFE MISSION!

- WHEN:** Wednesday, July 27, 2016
Meet at MPC at 5:15 p.m. to carpool or meet us at the Mission by 6:15 p.m.
- WHERE:** 101 N. Pauahi St., Honolulu
- NEEDED:** Food donations, cooks, and most importantly, volunteers to come down to the Mission to worship with and serve our guests.
- SIGN UPS:** Sign ups on the lanai during Fellowship starting Sunday, July 3, 2016
- For more information contact Elder Young Kim (861-3925)

MPC RUMMAGE SALE

A MPC Rummage Sale will be held on *Saturday, August 6 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.* for the purpose of raising funds to help our nearby Kipapa Elementary School purchase badly needed iPads/Notebooks.

Due to a shortage of storing space, donated items can be brought to the church starting Thursday, August 4.

We will need lots of volunteers to help with sorting, pricing, set up and take down, as well as helpers at the tables. Look for sign-ups during Sunday Fellowship starting July 24.

Points of contact for this event are Elders John Toillion and Young Kim.



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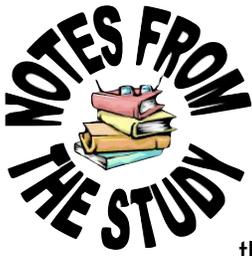
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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

World Peace and Unity 10K Road Race

October 8



Last month I concluded the PresByte by calling attention to the last three classes of Alpha. I must say with a tinge of sadness but also with a feeling of accomplishment, satisfaction and joy, our first Alpha class is now in the books. I must compliment all of our Alpha Team Leaders along with super support and encouragement from our other ministry teams—those good and faithful servants of the Lord you know who you are—I say Mahalo NUI and Great Job to all! It seemed like the eleven weeks just flew by!

Over the course of first Alpha class we took a close look at trying to answer the big question that everyone asks sometime in their lives—we open our Alpha class with that big question “Is there more to life than this?” The Alpha class offers a safe and no pressure environment to ask those underlying core questions about life—that environment is hosted over dinner in the setting of a small group.

With Nicky Gumbel at the helm in our video presentations, each member of the class is introduced to topics like “Who is Jesus?” “Why Did Jesus Die?” “How can We Have Faith?” “Why and How Do I Pray?” “Why and How Should I Read the Bible?” “Who is the Holy Spirit?” “What Does the Holy Spirit Do?” “How Can I Be Filled With the Holy Spirit?” “How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?” “How can I Resist Evil?” “Why and How Should I Tell Others?” “Does God Heal Today?” “What About the Church?” As you can see by the range of these topics, there is something for everyone. At the last session of the class we wrapped up our final night with an Alpha Questionnaire for all to fill out. Here are some of the pertinent questions and responses given anonymously.

- 1: How did you hear about Alpha Course? Some answered through the church and yours truly the Pastor. Some singled out the HIM conference and others through friends in another church.
- 2: Why did you decide to attend Alpha? Some responses included were “curiosity, to grow my faith, to learn more about Jesus, for fellowship and clarify what I believe, to support the church’s efforts to grow the church, to experience Alpha with others who never experienced it before.”
- 5: Before you started Alpha, how would you describe yourself in terms of the Christian faith? Some interesting responses included, “strong believer but weak showing, transitioning from pilot light to committed Christian, already a strong Christian, always growing and learning, regular Sunday worshipper only, strong faith but still learning to share it.”
- 8: How would you describe yourself now? Responses included, “more peaceful and stronger belief and willingness to share my faith, deeper understanding, more spiritual now than before, better understanding of faith, stronger testimony, still learning to “walk the talk.”
- 9: In what ways did you benefit from attending the Alpha Course? Responses included, “my children got to see how important faith is, great conversations helped articulate my faith, hearing another person who discovered his Christian faith who was an atheist, provided opportunity to get to know people in the church better.”

As you can see from the questions and responses, Alpha helped to bring our people closer together in the dynamic of a small group and people were engaged and learned so much about their faith.

Let’s give God all the praise and glory! Our A Team and ministry support teams look forward to September as we welcome the community inside and outside MPC.

Alpha Blessings to all!

Pastor Ron

FAITH PROMISE YEAR-TO-DATE SUMMARY
as of
May 31, 2016

GENERAL OFFERING (Year-to-Date)	BUDGET (A)	PLEDGED (B)	RECEIVED (C)	DIFFERENCE (A-C)
January 1 – May 31	\$67,685	\$59,715	\$66,903	(-) \$782

BUILDING FUND (Year-to-Date)	BUDGET (A)	PLEDGED (B)	RECEIVED (C)	DIFFERENCE (A-C)
January 1 – May 31	\$16,000	\$16,295	\$15,451	(-) \$549

Summary: Through the end of May 2016, our financial records reflect we are pretty much on target for meeting our General Offering Budget projections. For the first time in four months, we reflect a small less-than-projected amount for the Building Fund. Kindly refer any comments, questions or suggestions you may have concerning this report to Elder John Toillion, Treasurer.

BECOMING A CONTAGIOUS CHRISTIAN

WHEN: Sunday, August 7- 28, 10:30 am-11:30 am

WHAT: To LEARN how to COMMUNICATE your story as well as the GOOD NEWS of JESUS CHRIST in your personal GOD-GIVEN and non-threatening style

WHY PARTICIPATE?:

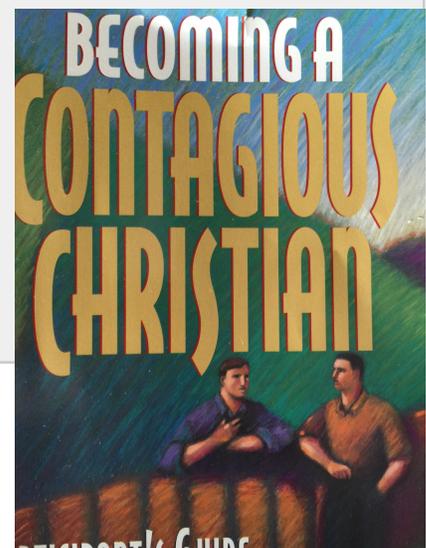
(1) Relevant Scripture: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19); “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.” (Luke 19:10); As the Father has sent me, I’m sending YOU.”(John 20:21)

(2) MPC Mission: To fulfill our MPC Mission Statement which states: “To glorify God, to know and serve Jesus Christ, and to live and **SHARE HIS GOOD NEWS!**”

(3) Fall Alpha Course (Sept 8 – Nov 17): This course is specifically designed as an evangelistic approach to inviting those who have questions about Christianity. This BCC class will help prepare us to respond in a loving and Christ-like way.

But I’m Fearful of Evangelism

Take comfort – you are not alone. We will be using tested and proven evangelism resources to help us learn in a fun and exciting way how to “Share the Good News” with others.



Contact Person: John Toillion (778-3054)

*** UPDATE ***

**WHAT: World Peace & Unity of the Korea 10K Road Race Around Waikiki**

(For more information including the participant's registration form click here:

<http://www.spocua.com/world-peace-unity-10k-road-race/>

WHEN: October 8 (Sat.), 2016 from 6 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Start at Ala Moana Beach Park to Kapiolani Park and return to Ala Moana Beach Park

WHY: "The SPOCUA Foundation" is a non-political, non-partisan, non-militaristic and tranquil organization that supports and encourages the reuniting of the Korean peninsula through serene and thoughtful means. Our organization believes the encouragement of athletic events that support these ends will be the future of all movements to bring together all human efforts that seek peace throughout the world."

For us at MPC, this event is sponsored by our **Outreach Ministry Team** as we see this as an opportunity for evangelizing. We plan to do this by having a tent where we give out free cold water as well as have information available for guests who are interested in finding out more about Jesus Christ. This will be a non-pressure approach to share the Good News. (Note: You can also participate as a runner or walker.)

NEEDED: Lots of help is needed and we will begin sign ups during Sunday's fellowship time starting in Aug.

For more information contact Elders Young Kim (861-3925) or John Toillion (778-3054)

KIPAPA SCHOOL SUPPLIES**Items Needed at Kipapa**

Large Backpacks: (no rolling) book-size
 School Boxes: 5.5 x 8.5 x 2.5
 Facial Tissue & Paper Towels
 Crayons: 24 count & Expo Dry Erase Marker
 White Glue: no gel or colored
 Red Pencils & Colored pencil Sets
 Pencils: #2 Regular
 Scissors Small: blunt & sharp tips
 Magic Rub chunk Erasers
 Rulers: 12" with metric marks
 Manilla File Folders
 Portfolios: 2 pockets inside
 3-Prong Portfolios: w/pockets
 Permanent Markers: Black fine point

3-Ring Binders & Binder pouch for pencils
 Folder Paper: 150 ct., Wide Ruled
 Composition Books: Wide Rule, hard cover
 Pens: Ball point, black
 Markers: 8-pk, washable, basic colors
 Highlighter Markers: Yellow
 Recorder & Clip Boards: letter size
 Watercolor Paint set: 8 colors
 Binder Index Dividers
 Liquid Hand Soap & Clorox Wipes
 Ziplock Bags: Quart,
 Gallon & Sandwich





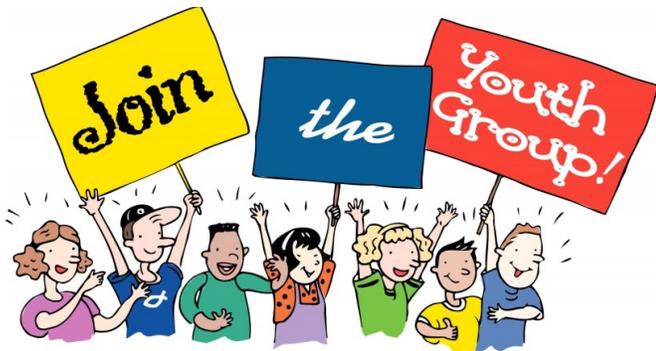
PARENTS & YOUTH – PLEASE NOTE:

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES FOR

July 2016

7/10 YOUTH GROUP @ 12:00PM

- ❖ Join in the lunch on lanai & Erica will call you.
- ❖ Bring Bible & tithe for Nelly.
- ❖ Friends are always welcome!



Calling all youth who are in the 7th grade up to 12th grade:

You are invited to join us for our next meeting on July 10th at noon.

Join in with the others for lunch on the lanai and Ms. Erica will call you when it's time.

Remember your donation for our Compassion Child, Nelly.

Hope to see you there!!!



For July only, MPC will take a summer break from the children & adult classes.

Watch the bulletin and next month's PresByte for the new adult classes coming in the fall.

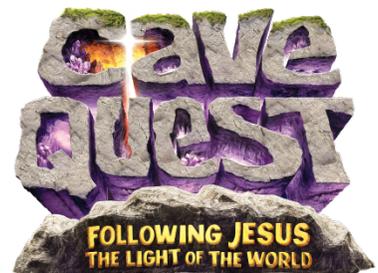
Sunday School Kick-off for the 2016-2017 school year will happen on August 7th.

We will be looking for new teachers for the children, so pray on it if you can assist in this way. Have a nice SUMMER!

As the PresByte goes to print, we are in full swing of our Vacation Bible School week.

The kids, teens and adults are having fun “spelunking” through our “cavernous” campus learning how **Jesus is the Light of the World!**

Watch for the full report in August's newsletter.



Mililani Presbyterian Church

Pastor Ronald K. Lee

Officers of MPC

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Phil Demske	(To be determined)		
Russell Malone	(To be determined)		



Introducing someone who you all know, but who is assuming a new position as Deacon Moderator when the new Deacons come on board in July. We are so happy to have Kathryn as a returning member of the board of Deacons.

Aloha, Diana

1. I was born in Sebastopol, California home of the gravenstein apple. My folks moved to Petaluma when I was 4 years-old and that's where I grew up. Petaluma is on the outskirts of Sonoma County

so very close to wine country (but left to young to drink it!)

2. I was the oldest of four children with three younger brothers. Mama, Patricia, was a cosmetologist and dad, Roy, was in life insurance. Petaluma is famous for a couple of things: one, holding the world's wrist wrestling championship for years due to all the boys who did hay bale-lifting in the town; two, being known as the world's egg basket as it produced the most chicken eggs in the world at one time; and three, it is where the movie "American Graffiti" was filmed (well, the main street parts).

3. After graduation I moved to Incline Village, Nevada (North Shore Tahoe) and scooped Swenson's ice cream for the summer with some high school friends. I returned back to the home area living in Rohnert Park before moving to Hawaii to pursue adventure at the age of 20. I left Hawaii in 1983 as part of an opening team for a new hotel in Vienna, Austria in Europe and stayed until late 1985, then I returned to Maui in 1986.

4. Since 2002 I was MPC's Christian Education Director but switched over officially to Office Manager in January of 2015. This year I also accepted a part-time position as a dressmaker at David's Bridal Store in Pearl City (an occupation from my early days)

5. I'm an avid reader, love crossword puzzles and relax with cross stitch (whenever I relax!)

6. A favorite verse I love: Revelations 1:5 He (Jesus) is the One who loves us. And he is the One who made us free from our sins with the blood of his death.



The MPC Personals Page:

What's going on in our church family?



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| 6 | Brad & Holly Hall | 5 | Maria Felts | | |
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| 29 | Russell & Trang Malone | 15 | Young Soon Choe | 23 | Joyce Kim |
| | | 17 | Darrell Ching | 23 | Michael Felts |
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| | | | | 30 | Aaron Esteron |
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